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GUEST EDITORIAL

Indecision

THE ARABS have boycotted Egypt and recalled their ambassadors from Cairo. President Sadat has threatened and warned the Palestinians against attacks on Egyptians and their interests and has reciprocated the Arab move by withdrawing his ambassadors from capitals opposed to his unilateral peace strategy.

What next?

It seems that the Arabs are destined to maintain and preserve a practice that has plagued them throughout their modern history.

While the Arab states are justified in their decision to impose sanctions against Egypt for signing a separate peace treaty with Israel, the move remains essentially a reaction to an event, and does not constitute a long-term plan or an alternative strategy. Recriminations and rhetoric have not, and cannot be a substitute for a sound strategy that would hopefully extricate the Arab world from a quagmire of its own making, albeit with outside "contribution". At the time the Baghdad conference was held, Arabs were hopeful that the meeting, while taking the necessary steps to minimise the impact of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, would act to map out a plan of action that would prevent a recurrence of the tragedy and offer the Arab world a chance to regroup and present itself as a driving force that can force itself to be heard in the international forums that act with an apparent monopoly on the fate of the region.

Peace, Egyptian style, has been rightly rejected, but what kind of peace strategy do the Arabs want? Branding countries and regimes as reactionary, imperialist and other similar descriptions makes for good newspaper copy and takes the edge off the bitterness and frustration felt by the average Arab, but it does not offer a solution.

The experiences with no-peace-no-war situations have shown beyond doubt that the area cannot sustain natural political and economic development in such a suspended state of anxiety. Stating the obvious, this reduces the choice the Arabs have to either peace or war. If the consensus is for peace, and there is every reason to believe that it is, the Arabs must declare openly and collectively whether their preference is for a Geneva-type conference under American, Soviet and/or European auspices or some other combination. The second choice, that of war, is becoming an extremely unlikely option, but should it be the only choice, the Arabs should prepare for it.

So far there is little indication that the Arabs are ready to make their inescapable choice.

—From the Arab News, Jeddah, April 8

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

COMMENTING ON the recent Israeli attacks against south Lebanon, AL RA'I Thursday describes the situation there as "extremely dangerous."

"The fate of the Camp David agreements, and the future of the separate Egyptian-Israeli treaty will be determined" in that portion of the Arab World, the paper continues.

"We are not asking that southern Lebanon be turned into a battle field; rather, we are urging the Arabs to transform it into a field of steadfastness testing the Arabs' commitments to their issues."

Criticising the withdrawal of the contingents operating within the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon, the paper says: "A line must be drawn to distinguish between those who defend our issues and those who barter with the Arab cause. The conflict going on in southern Lebanon leaves no room for compromises or vague positions. This conflict has become a test of the Arab ability to stand fast against the Camp David conspiracy."

In conclusion the paper says: "Unless the Arabs succeed (in this test), the tripartite (U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli) coalition will penetrate deep into the Arab World, beginning with the south of Lebanon."

Criticising the rapprochement reached between Egypt and Israel, and the "indifferent" Egyptian stand concerning the recurring Israeli aggressions against the south of Lebanon and the establishment of settlements in the occupied territories, AL DUSTOUR says: "The Egyptian-Israeli practices directed against Palestine and the Palestinians are proceeding side by side." The beginning of the normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel has not caused the Israeli incursions to stop," the paper notes.

It further criticises the hypocrisy manifested in the recent statements issued by both the Egyptian premier and the minister of state for foreign affairs. "Dr. Khalil insinuates that Egypt is committed to support Syria if it launches a war against Israel to restore the Golan Heights, later he backs down on his statement, only to be followed by Dr. Butros Ghali hypocritically stating that the Israeli policy of building settlements does not help lay the foundations of peace."

In conclusion, the paper wonders how to describe the Egyptian stand. "Is it a form of diplomacy of hypocrisy? Al Dustour wonders.

GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

LET THE JORDAN TIMES HEAR ABOUT IT

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National News Roundup

Imported materials for industry free of duty

AMMAN. April 12 (JNA) — The cabinet has accepted to exempt from duty all imported materials to be used for manufacturing purposes, or for re-export.

Amman street naming and numbering begun

AMMAN. April 12 (JNA) — Sources at Amman Municipality stated that its planning department has started naming and numbering the streets in the first area (city centre) and that this operation is expected to be completed within two weeks. The sources added that this was done to enable the citizens to identify areas and quarters of the capital.

'Rivers of Babylon' banned

AMMAN. April 12 (JNA) — A record named "Rivers of Babylon" made by the American pop group "Boney M" has been banned from entering Jordan. The record is understood to contain Israeli propaganda and its words to be linked with Zionist aims.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photos on "The Development of Space Research in the Soviet Union". The exhibit can be seen during regular hours.

Geographic Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Concert

The American Centre presents a violin-piano concert by Henry Criz (violin) and Ljubomir Gasparovic (piano) at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel Ballroom at 8:00 p.m.

Children's Choir

The Soviet Cultural Centre and the Jordan University Alumni Club present a concert by the children's choir of the Haya Arts Centre at the Centre branch in Ruseifa at 4:30 p.m.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Jacques Ertaud entitled "La tule a loup" at 7:30 p.m. French version with Arabic subtitles.

Masquerade Party

The YWCA is holding a children's masquerade party to celebrate Easter. Children participating should bring a toy to give away to underprivileged children. The party starts at 4:00 p.m.

Voluntary society urges concerted effort to curb rising accident rate

By Sara O'Neill
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN. April 12 -- The untimely death this week of the Director of Public Security, Maj. Gen. Ghazi Arabyat, in a car accident serves as yet another tragic reminder of the ever increasing number of road accidents which occur daily in Jordan.

The Jordan Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents was formed to help combat the chronic traffic problem which is not only claiming the lives of Jordan's citizens but also harming their economic, social and physical well-being.

The Jordan Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents, which held its third annual meeting last week, was founded in 1975 by a few civic minded individuals who had become very concerned by the lack of safety on Jordan's roads.

This may suggest an alarming increase in motor vehicle deaths in the near future if motor vehicle travel continues to increase rapidly.

The yearly increase in vehicles on the road being in the region of 30 per cent, the present number of vehicles on the road could be doubled within the next three years, a horrifying prospect for any country.

The traffic safety problem of Jordan must be addressed in three areas: education, enforcement, and engineering. Mr. Khouri was full of praise for various authorities involved, in particular the traffic police for their initiative in enforcing traffic laws, which has resulted, for instance, in the clearing of downtown Amman of parked cars in recent months, thus allowing for an easier flow of traffic.

The Traffic Engineering Department of the Municipality has also been very active, as the director of the department, Mr. Akram Hindiyeh, who is also a member of the society's administrative board, explained.

The introduction of a number of one way streets has helped reduce accidents; for example, at Abdali, where the elimination of four intersections has at the same time eliminated five or six accidents daily. The one and a half kilometre-long main street in Jabal Hussein was until recently the scene of five to seven accidents daily, caused chiefly by cars joining the stream of traffic from the left. These intersection accidents have been completely eliminated by erecting an island down the middle of the road, he said.

However cooperation by the authorities has not managed to outweigh the indifference of the general public, whose attitude is seen as a main obstacle to improving the standards on the roads. As Mr. Khouri sees it, the problem of road accidents is not simply one of so many people killed every month but a "major impediment of economic and social development in the country. Jordan is now passing through the worst symbols of a consumer society. It is a sign

Yugoslavia, Jordan sign economic protocol

By Serene R. Farraj
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 12 (JNA) — Jordan and Yugoslavia signed here today a protocol for boosting trade and economic ties between the two countries.

According to the protocol, the two countries agree to increase the volume of trade exchanged between them—particularly increasing the amount of Jordanian phosphate exported to Yugoslavia; the launching of joint economic ventures in Jordan and the establishment of a Jordanian commercial centre in the West Bank and a Yugoslav commercial centre in Amman.

The protocol also provides for an exchange of expertise and technical skill between the two countries, especially in the field of mining, irrigation and the construction of dams. In addition it grants Yugoslavia a concession to prospect for petroleum and natural gas in Jordan.

The protocol signed for Jordan by Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani and for Yugoslavia by visiting Finance Minister Petar Kostic.

Gen. Arabyat buried in Salt

AMMAN, April 12 (JNA) — The body of the late Maj. Gen. Ghazi Arabyat, Director of the Public Security Directorate, who died in a car accident yesterday was buried with full military honours today at his home town of Salt.

The coffin was wrapped with the Jordanian flag and was carried to the town cemetery on a gun carriage.

Taking part in the prayers at the town mosque and later in the funeral was His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent who later offered his condolences to the Arabyat family.

Also taking part in the funeral were Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, cabinet members, senior government officials and high ranking army officers.

There were divergent views voiced on the relative worth of

'Jordan, PLO: same tactics, same objectives'

Palestinians in these areas.

Mr. Abu Sitta described joint Jordan-Palestinian committee set up by the Baghdad summit last year. The Palestinian team was in Amman on a two-day visit for talks with Jordanian officials. The delegation discussed ways and means of helping Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to resist Israeli occupation. Discussions also dealt with how to channel the \$150 million earmarked by the Baghdad summit conference last November for the

development of occupied territories.

As has constantly been heard by government officials, Jordan's position is that it is given without any strings attached and does not form a form of trusteeship, if the form of assistance the government is dictated by us.

Mr. Abu Sitta went on that Israel is trying to force integration of the economy of the people under occupation within Israel, and it must preserve their independence to build their institutions.

He said the PLO was working to build up a unified front in cooperation with Syria and Iraq, in the former front line states, with a report from the rest of the Arab states.

With this bloc, and with the support of others, we are about to shift in the balance of power in our favour which will enable us to win back the legitimate rights of our people.

Referring to the recent strike at the University of Jordan which students' groups had with each other, Mr. Abu Sitta said the students had demonstrated by their actions that they are trying to sow dissent among students and exploit their activities.

The PLO delegation in Damascus yesterday said Abu Sitta stayed on all

Aspen conferees discuss Arab World economics

AMMAN, April 12 (J.T.) — The four-day conference on "The Arab World in Transition" sponsored by the Aspen Institute continued here today with several participants speaking on "Economic Perspectives" in the Arab world.

Development plans in Jordan and Syria were the particular focus of today's discussions. The subjects were dealt with in the framework of working papers presented on "Growth and Development in the Arab World" by Mr. Thornton Bradshaw, President of Atlantic Richfield, Dr. Burhan Dajani, of the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, and Mohammad Al Imady from the Ministry of Economics, Damascus.

A second, related subject in today's session was "The Interdependence of the Arab and World Systems." Presenting papers on this subject were Dr. Charles Issawi of Princeton University, Mr. Yves Lauhan, Chief Economist, Societe Generale des Etudes et Recherches, Paris, and Dr. Ismail Sabri Abdullah from Cairo.

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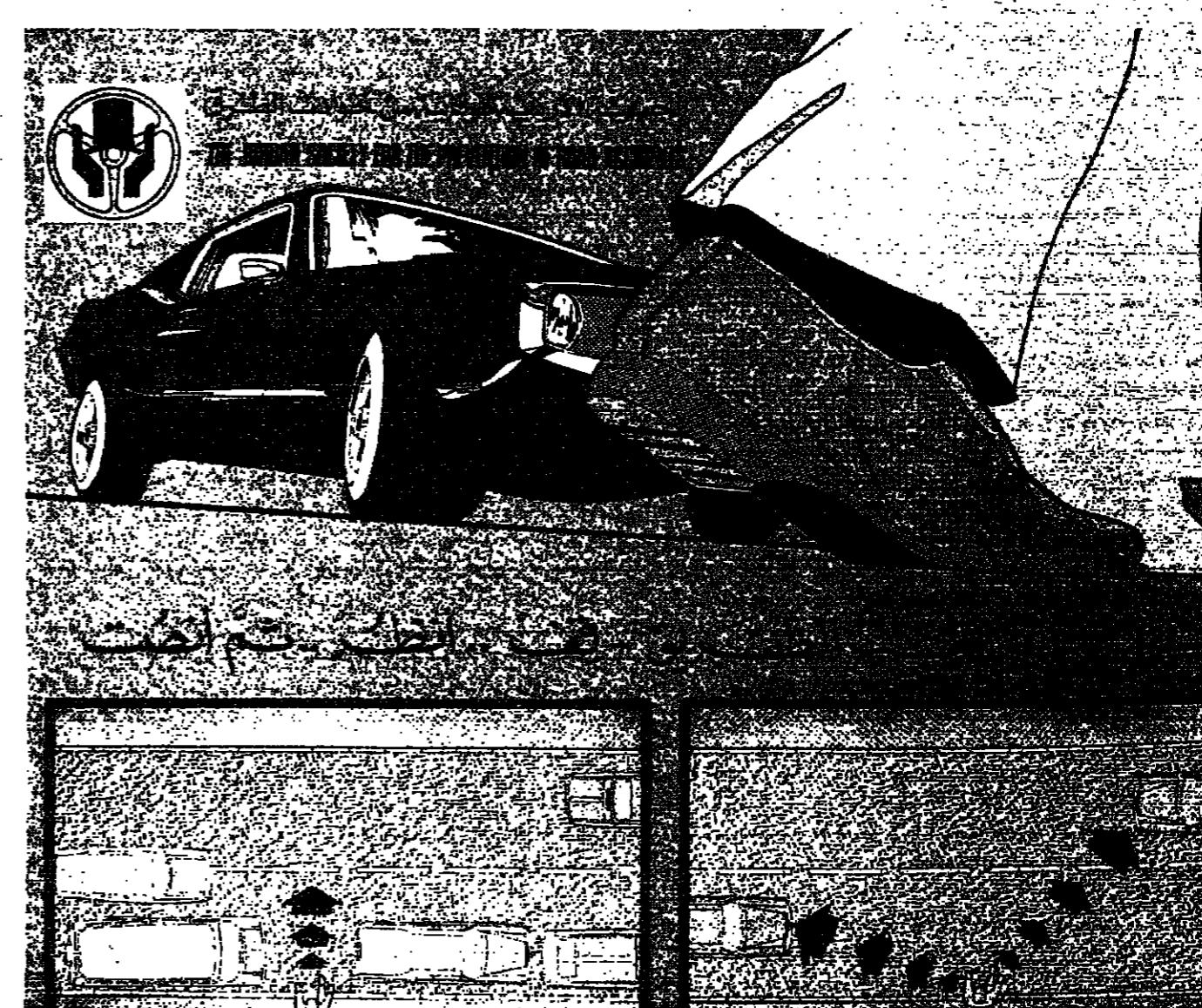
Summer is nearly here and with summer comes the inevitable increase in traffic, an additional thirty to forty thousand cars carrying tourists from the neighbouring countries. The worst months for accidents being July, August and September, the society is preparing a campaign to "go aggressive" in traffic education from an early age, the Ministry of Education has approved five minutes of road safety instruction in schools every day. Lectures are organised at least once a week in high schools and posters distributed, with emphasis placed on road priorities (which a large number of drivers are either ignorant of or choose to ignore). Film shows are arranged

across the streets, posters on buses and ten thousand pamphlets explaining road signs distributed with the help of students. This year the society hopes to do better with more and lectures... lollipops have been sent out to older children to help them cross the road. It is hoped that they will like the idea and continue after Traffic Day.

The Jordan Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents is beginning to get involved in similar societies abroad.

Although there are a number of non-Jordanian members in the society, foreigners are invited to join and bring with them fresh ideas on road safety.

The address is Amman Box 9480.



A section from a poster showing pedestrians how to cross roads safely. The printing costs were funded by four insurance companies distributed with the help of university students.

do it right

• dan Weekly Calendar

(Week of April 13-19)
EXHIBITIONS

ING: The French Cultural Centre is displaying maps and measuring equipment. The exhibition has been organized by the Jordan National Geographic Centre in collaboration with the French Mapping Group. The exhibition can be viewed during regular hours until April 30. The exhibition, the exhibition of photos on "The Space Research in the Soviet Union" is on until

April 17: The Soviet Culture Centre presents a show to commemorate the 109th birthday of Lenin.

JAY, April 18: The Department of Culture and Arts exhibition of paintings and other art work by the Art Centre for Music and Fine Arts. The exhibition is at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth until 10 p.m. from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 7:00

CONCERT

April 13: The American Centre presents a violin-piano duet by Henry Criz (violin) and Ljubomir Gasparovic (piano) in International Hotel Ballroom at 8:00 p.m. The Cultural Centre, in cooperation with the Jordan Alumni Club, presents a concert by the children's choir at the Arts Centre at the Centre branch in Ruseifa. The show starts at 4:30 p.m.

THEATRE

April 16: The Department of Culture and Arts presents plays by Russian playwright Anton Chekov, the "Engagement" and the second is "Tim Song". The plays are performed at the Jordan Theatre at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are at the theatre.

FILMS

April 13: The French Cultural Centre presents a film by a film entitled "La tulipe a l'oupe" (1966), starring Paul le Gua, Gerard Darrieu and Marie-Helene Daste. In colour, French version with Arabic subtitles, at 4:00 p.m. Repeats are on Saturday and Sunday at the

April 15: The American Centre presents two films, the "Hollywood, the Dream Factory" at 6:00 p.m., and a feature film, "The Great Escape", starring Steve McQueen, at 7:00 p.m. Due to limited seating it is necessary to obtain tickets from the American advance. The films will be repeated on Monday and the same time.

April 17: The Goethe Institute presents a film entitled "Der Pest" (1970) by R.W. Fassbinder, starring Romy, Margarete von Trotta and Harry Baer. The film is in black and white and is subtitled in English. It starts at 7:00 p.m.

the feature film at the Goethe Institute is a documentary "Ein Bergarbeiter", which is an account by a miner in about his activities and involvement in work and labour

Y, April 19: The Goethe Institute presents a film by Hark Bohm entitled "Tschetan -- der Indianer" (1972), starring Marquard Bohm and Dschingis Khan. The film is in English and starts at 4:30 p.m. Recommended for children over eight years old.

SYNOPSIS

April 17: The French Cultural Centre presents a symposium entitled "Les principes d'élaboration géographiques." This symposium is being presented by experts from the National Geographic Institute of France, Dr. Christian Chenev and Marcel Marconnet. The symposium starts at 6:30 p.m.

EASTER PARTY

April 13: The YWCA is holding a masquerade party for girls six to twelve to celebrate Easter, at 4:00 p.m. Interested in participating should bring a toy to give to the less fortunate children at a party to be held later this month.

FRIENDS OF ARCHAEOLOGY

NOTICE: A trip to Petra to visit architectural monuments underway has been organized for Sunday, April 15. The trip is open to the public, so those interested can reserve a bus (45 passenger limit) by April 15, by calling Dr. Erat at ACOR, telephone number 44917. The price of the trip is JD 5, including horseback riding through the site.

MAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Aluminum Co.	JD 5,000	3,230	6,800	—	6,800
Aliment Factors	JD 10,000	5,766	14,080	14,100	14,100
Alimentary Co.	JD 5,000	6,440	23,000	23,500	23,000
Alk	JD 1,000	86	1,150	1,160	1,160
Alk Development and Co.	JD 1,000	646	1,030	1,050	1,030
Aliment Co.	JD 1,000	2,328	2,580	2,600	2,580
Aliment Co.	JD 1,000	92	0,910	0,930	0,920
Aliment Co.	JD 1,000	279	1,420	1,440	1,420
Aliment Factors	JD 1,000	1,360	0,670	0,690	0,680
Alimentum Co.	JD 1,000	654	0,930	0,940	0,930
Alimentum Co.	JD 1,000	155	0,830	—	0,850
Alimentum Co.	JD 5,000	8,500	—	4,500	4,250
Alimentum Co.	JD 5,000	1,326	7,340	7,450	3,370
Alman Bank	JD 5,000	10,706	6,650	6,750	6,650
Alman International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	293	0,680	0,700	0,690
Alman and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	710	0,700	0,720	0,710

shares traded, Thursday, April 12: JD 42,571
shares traded: 11,159

Al Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
Al Development Bonds	JD 10,000	51,400	5	1988	10,280

shares traded: JD 1,089,680
shares traded: 106

Central Bank bulletin shows

Housing construction drops in Amman rises in Zarqa

By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 12 — The construction sector in Jordan continues to undergo structural changes in its rate of growth, according to statistics from the Central Bank of Jordan and the Housing Bank.

The Central Bank's latest Monthly Statistical Bulletin (dated January 1979), shows that the total area of newly licensed construction dropped last year for the first time in the past five years. The statistics show that a total of 3,143 construction permits were issued in 1978 for residential and commercial buildings in the Amman-Zarqa area, covering a total area of 694,800 square metres. This is a drop from 1977's total of 706,800 square metres.

A closer examination of the figures shows that housing construction in the Amman area has dropped for the third consecutive year, while it continues to rise sharply in Zarqa. In the past three years, the amount of newly licensed residential building in Amman has declined from 459,000 square metres to 439,000 square metres and again to 399,000 square metres last year. In Zarqa however, newly licensed residential buildings accounted for 118,000 square metres in 1976, 130,000 square metres in 1977 and 191,000 square metres last year.

The Central Bank statistics only cover the Amman and Zarqa regions, and thus do not give an accurate figure for new construction activity throughout Jordan. Taken together, however, they do indicate trends in the construction industry, as the natural slowdown in Amman construction in the wake of the boom of the past three years would be partly offset by the rise in new buildings in Zarqa and other outlying cities.

The figures also show that the total area of new residential buildings in Amman and Zarqa is being accounted for by fewer new units. While total residential area newly licensed in the Amman-Zarqa region has climbed from 577,000 square metres in 1976 to 590,000 square metres last year, the number of construction permits issued for this area has steadily declined, from 3,313 in 1976 to 2,807 last year. This indicates that the average size of new housing units in the Amman-Zarqa region is probably increasing. The figures would show that while the average size of a residential building in 1975 was 169 square metres, this has risen consistently to 174 square metres in 1976, to 201 square metres in 1977 and to 210 square metres last year.

The total residential and commercial area licensed in the Amman-Zarqa region last year is almost exactly double the comparative figure five years ago, or 694,800 square metres of construction area licensed in 1978 compared to 349,300 square metres licensed in 1974.

But while the statistics for new construction licenses indicate a drop for the Amman-Zarqa region, bank credit statistics indicate a sharp increase in lending for the country's construction, housing and real estate sector.

The Housing Bank's 1978 annual report shows that its outstanding loans rose by a very high 42 per cent last year to reach a total of JD 61 million. The bank granted 2,798 loans in 1978 worth a total of JD 22.7 million, com-

pared to 2,409 loans in 1977 worth JD 15.4 million.

The Central Bank bulletin shows an equally sharp increase in the amount of lending by commercial banks for construction and real estate sector, though this includes buying land as well as buying or constructing buildings.

These figures show that loans to the construction and real estate sector accounted for JD 100 million out of total outstanding bank loans of JD 332 million at the end of last year, or a full 30 per cent of all commercial bank credits. This compares to the construction and real estate sector's share of all outstanding commercial credits of 16 per cent during both 1977 and 1976.

If the Housing Bank's outstanding loans—all of which are for construction projects—are added to those of the commercial banks, then loans for construction and real estate would account for 48.5 per cent of all outstanding bank lending at the end of last year (compared to 38 per cent at the end of 1977).

This would indicate an unusually high percentage of Jordanian bank credits going into one sector.

This is understandable, given the high demand for housing among Jordan's (typically Third World) young population, the rural-to-urban domestic migration pattern, the generally rising standard of living, the continuing exodus of West Bankers to the East Bank, and the overall construction requirements of the economy as the current five-year plan reaches its peak implementation period.

One of the positive signs in the statistics is the slowdown in construction in the Amman region, and the continuing construction growth in Zarqa and the provinces, a pattern that is very much encouraged by the government because it may indicate the gradual spread of economic activity more evenly throughout the country, instead of concentrating heavily in the Amman area.

UNRWA schools in the Amman region are divided broadly into zone one (Amman city) and zone two (outskirts of Amman including Zarqa and Marka).

There are 55 schools in zone one and 65 schools in zone two. Not all of them will be able to put on a separate show or exhibition, so a lot of the year's activities have been planned as group efforts with one or two plans for both zones to get together.

One of these activities will begin next Thursday when the girl guides from zone one will gather at the Amman Training Centre near Ma'ar to spend a few days camping out and organising games.

The boy scouts will have their camping holiday later in the year, much later in fact, in September.

The next variety show will be at the Jabal Jofeh girls school on April 19. After that it will be the boys' turn; the Hashemiyah Boys School will put on an art exhibition and have a sports day on April 25. On April 30 the Hashemiyah Girls School will produce a variety show, and the May 3rd end of the school year celebrations at Amir Hassen Girls School will be completely dedicated to International Year of the Child.

After touring the area the Prince visited the Mount Nebo (Siyaha) archaeological site west of the city of Madaba, some 30 kms. south of here.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar 302.00/304.00

U.K. sterling 631.00/635.00

West German mark 159.50/160.50

Swiss franc 176.10/177.20

French franc 69.40/69.80

Italian lire (for every 100) 35.90/36.10

Japanese yen (for every 100) 141.50/142.40

Dutch guilder 147.50/148.40

Belgian franc (for every 100) 100.60/101.20

Swedish crown 69.00/69.40

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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

European football semi-finals

COLOGNE, April 12 (R) -- Vasuhiko Okudera, the first Japanese soccer player to become a star in West Germany, grabbed the European Cup glory last night with a vital goal for Cologne against English champions Nottingham Forest. Okudera, discovered in the Far East by Cologne coach Hennes Weisweiler, equalised in the 80th minute as the West Germans drew 3-3 at Nottingham in a pulsating semi-final clash.

Malmö's goalless away draw against Austria Wien in Vienna might have lacked the drama of Cologne's effort, but it was another magnificent performance by the Swedish champions. "Malmö are extremely hard to play against," Hermann Stessl, Wien's coach, admitted ruefully after this other European Cup semi-final tie. Austrian international Herbert Prohaska tried desperately to get his side going but Malmö countered every time.

In the Cup Winners' Cup Fortuna Düsseldorf, trailing 1-0 to Czechoslovakia's Baník Ostrava at half-time, roared back after the interval to win 3-1, while in Spain Barcelona began nervously against Belgium's Beveren before squeezing a 1-0 victory with a 66th minute penalty.

MSV Duisburg and Borussia Mönchengladbach fought out a 2-2 draw in an all-German European Football Union (UEFA) semi-final on Tuesday night. Last night Hertha Berlin, West Germany's third team in the last four of the UEFA cup, lost 1-0 away to Yugoslavia's Red Star Belgrade.

Baseball Standings

American League

EAST		W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	—	
Baltimore	3	2	.600	½	
Boston	2	2	.500	1	
New York	2	3	.400	1½	
Detroit	1	2	.333	1½	
Toronto	1	3	.250	2	
Cleveland	1	4	.200	2½	

WEST		W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	3	0	1.000	—	
Minnesota	4	1	.800	—	
Kansas City	4	1	.800	—	
Seattle	4	3	.571	1	
California	3	3	.500	1½	
Chicago	1	3	.250	2½	
Oakland	1	5	.161	3½	

Wednesday's games
Toronto at Chicago, postponed.
Baltimore 6, New York 5, 10 innings.
Kansas City 10, Detroit 3.
Texas 4, Cleveland 0.
Oakland 14, Seattle 7

Basketball playoffs

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) -- The Houston Rockets can't stand too much of a good thing -- namely winning. The Rockets, who had won their last seven regular-season games to get the home-court advantage in the opening game of their best-of-three series with Atlanta, lost to the Hawks 109-106 Wednesday night in the National Basketball Association playoffs. New Jersey Nets coach Kevin Loughery often feels his situation is futile, where refereeing is concerned. The Nets lost to the Philadelphia 76ers 122-114 after their coach was ejected from the game. The volatile Loughery, who was assessed 42 technical fouls during the regular season, got two more Wednesday night and was ousted with 7:32 left in the third period. "It's a league rule that you can't talk about officiating," he complained later. "But I think we should be able to talk about officiating." With Wednesday's games, all four NBA Divisions had played their first games. Action resumes Friday with the Rockets and Hawks moving to Atlanta and the Sixers and Nets going to Piscataway. On Friday the Phoenix Suns join the Trail Blazers in Portland and the Denver Nuggets visiting the Los Angeles Lakers. Phoenix beat Portland 107-103 Tuesday, while Denver downed Los Angeles 110-105 that night.

U.S. basketball team beats Peking

PEKING April 12, (R) -- The United States national men's basketball team last night beat the Peking City team 103-78 in the second of three games the team is scheduled to play here.

Disco hustle

Disco music is everywhere and business is booming for the record companies which have woken up to the fact that people want to dance.

By Anton Graham

LONDON -- Disco music has suddenly become the record industry's biggest money spinner, changing in little more than a year from a minority interest to one of the fastest-selling forms of music in the world.

In Britain, new discotheques where young people go to dance to the latest hits open each week and disco magazines aimed both at the fans and at the industry are appearing constantly. Discos are being set up in converted music clubs, cinemas and even village church halls all over the country, and sales of disco equipment -- turntables, speakers and the rest -- are booming.

Not since the days of the Twist in the early 1960s have the record companies attempted to exploit a very important fact: teenagers like to dance.

The present craze for disco was given a gigantic push by the monster success of the film "Saturday Night Fever," starring John Travolta and produced by Robert Stigwood, which cleaned up at the box office last year.

But more important still was the film's soundtrack album, featuring the Bee Gees and others which to date has sold about 20 million copies worldwide, grossing some £140m. It is by far the biggest-selling record of all time despite the fact that it is a double album costing twice as much as a single record.

The Saturday Night Fever record's success was also amazing because it is really little more than a good compilation album: there are only five previously unreleased songs on it, all written by the Bee Gees.

And it was the Bee Gees' songs which stuck in the

public's mind, especially "Stayin' Alive" and "Night Fever." On the basis of those two songs and a couple of earlier hits, the three Gibb brothers from Australia were acclaimed as the kings of disco and became overnight the world's most bankable pop group.

The roots of disco are hard to trace. Tamla Motown in the 1960s was certainly dancing music and men like James Brown and Wilson Pickett were tapping the market which is now disco. But disco proper did not begin till about 1975.

The dance which started it was the Hustle. Van McCoy, George Macrae and Silver Convention -- the first of the German produced disco bands -- led the initial disco wave along with K.C. and the Sunshine Band, True Connection and a host of others.

But it was Night Fever which brought disco to a wider audience, putting it on the map to the extent that it now challenges standard pop music for worldwide sales.

In 1978, the Bee Gees monopolised the number one position in record charts around the world and their record company, RSO, previously a minor, though respected, London-based firm, dominated world record sales, not only with Saturday Night Fever, but also with the soundtrack from the film "Grease" and records from the Bee Gees' younger brother, Andy Gibb.

But displaying a remarkable lack of greed for a commercial enterprise, RSO refused to follow up its success with Saturday Night Fever by throwing everything it had into the ever-expanding disco market.

The Bee Gees are still the only act amongst RSO's select roster of artists which could be called disco, and the group would certainly resent being



Saturday Night Fever star John Travolta (see photo).

produced in West Germany where disco records are labelled as nothing more than a disco band.

The third film on RSO's set, following "Fever" and "Grease," is "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," starring the Bee Gees and British-born Peter Frampton, who became a rock idol in the U.S. a couple of years ago.

The film has done comparatively badly at the box office and was panned by the critics, as was Travolta's third movie for Robert Stigwood, "Moment By Moment," which has already been released in the U.S.

Future projects planned by RSO include a couple more films, a kid's version of "Saturday Night Fever" without the four-letter words (the original film was X-rated) which meant the younger teenagers buying the album could not get in to see it), and further albums from the Bee Gees and Andy Gibb.

But they have no plans to introduce other disco artists to cash in on the continuing boom.

Most of the best disco-music is produced by black Americans, but it has also provided an opportunity for Germany to become a force to be reckoned with in the top pop world for the first time.

Silver Convention, Boney M. and Donna Summer are just three of the acts that have been

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Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 Forget frivolity and get most practical matters that need your attention one who imposes on you.

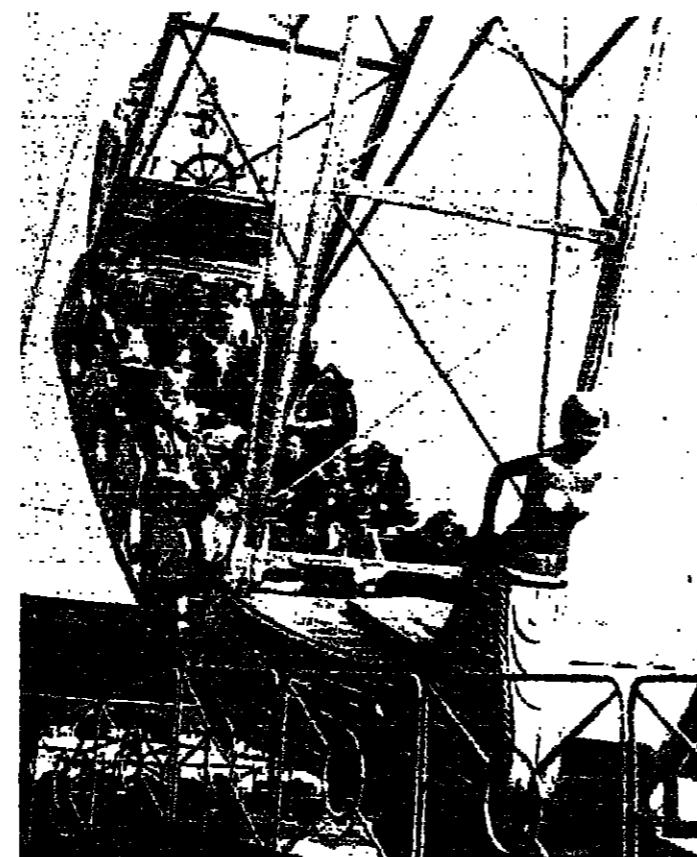
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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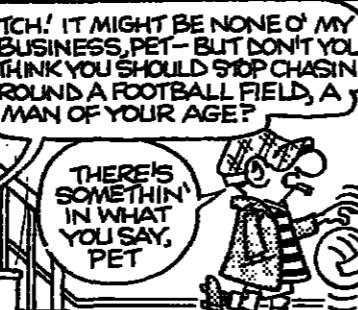


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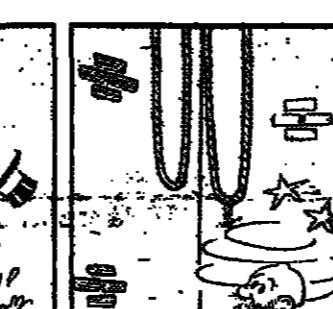
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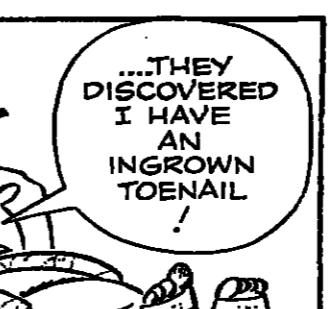
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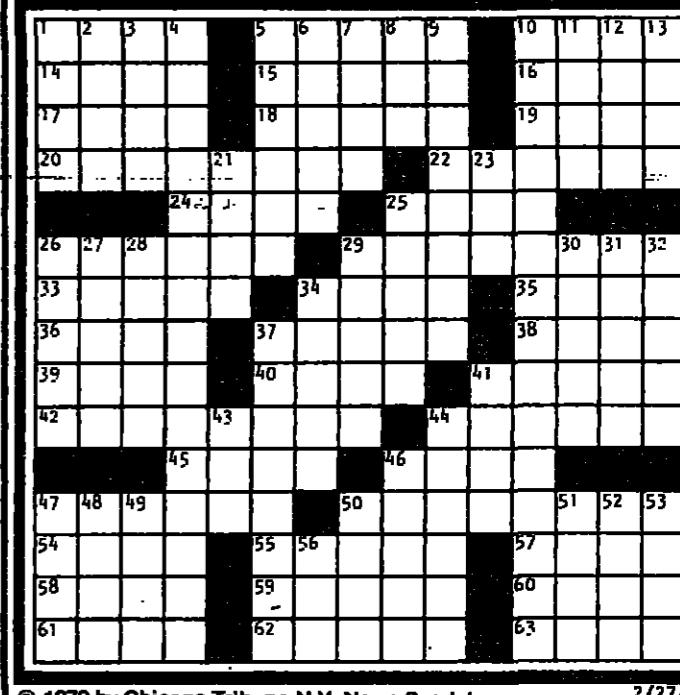


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1 Support 26 Hullled corn 47 Wheat
5 Put away 29 Gush measure
10 Pacific Islands 33 Unexcelled 50 Fish
11 fabric 34 Italian resort 54 Ontario part
12 Strip of wood 35 Seine tributary 55 Rub out
15 Florida resort city 36 Josip Broz 57 Department of France
16 Ah me! 37 Twelve 58 Sweater item
17 Storyteller 38 Observe carefully 59 Flavor
18 Asian wild sheep 39 Uniform 40 Declare
19 — and kin 41 Expunged 42 Untenanted
20 Make con- 43 Series of 44 Series of
cession 22 Plump 45 Took to 45 Took to
24 Float on air court 46 Simple task
Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:
DOWN 1 — breve 34 Cherished
2 Kind of bond 37 Immortal
3 Lat. abbr. 41 Deduct from wages
4 Surrender 42 Bitter herb
5 Pompous 44 Sports cars
6 Fortune-telling card 46 Buffalo
7 Muslim title 47 Biscayne and others
8 Resort 48 Russian river
9 Hudson's ship 49 Old tide for a king
10 Run away 50 Household member
11 Muhammad and MacGraw 51 Havoc
53 Bound 52 Bomb
54 Chat 53

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06:45 News: London 16:15 Theatre Call
06:45 Interlude 16:30 News: Comedy
06:50 These Musical Islands 16:45 World Today
07:00 News: 24 Hours 17:00 News: the Week in Wales
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18:30 Country Music USA

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Developing nations complain: Lengthy 99-nation trade negotiations have produced little

GENEVA, April 12 (R) — Developing countries complained yesterday that five-and-a-half years of negotiations to free the flow of world trade had brought only modest results and left many problems unsolved.

Yugoslav delegate Dr. Petar Tomic accused industrialised states of persisting in a conservative approach, and said that through lack of political will they had ignored many proposals by Third World countries for expanding trade.

He was addressing a meeting of the 99-nation Trade Negotiations Committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The meeting was convened to endorse a package of

Cyprus: News of 2 leaders' plan to meet draws cautious response

NICOSIA, April 12 (R) — Cypriots reacted cautiously yesterday to the news that President Spyros Kyprianou will meet Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş next month in an effort to solve inter-communal problems on this divided Mediterranean island.

The caution was due partly to the fact that no date has been set for the meeting, which could mean a major breakthrough in attempts to reach a settlement. Inter-communal talks have been suspended for two years.

Both sides yesterday confirmed their leaders have agreed to a meeting, but stressed that the date has yet to be announced by United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Another reason for caution is the history of failures during the past two years to bring both sides to the negotiating table.

Mr. Waldheim is expected to spend three days on the island. His aim will be to persuade the two leaders to agree on a basis for the resumption of inter-communal talks.

Economic News Briefs

Yamani confirms lower oil production ceiling

LONDON, April 12 (R) — Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani confirmed yesterday that Saudi Arabia had withdrawn an extra one million barrels of crude oil a day it had put on the market during the first three months of this year to help compensate a shortfall in Iranian exports. In an interview with the Arabic-language newspaper Ashar Al-Awsat in London, he said the Saudi Government decided to increase its production "on an exceptional basis during the first three months of this year when it averaged 9.5 million barrels a day." This was one million barrels above the 8.5 million barrel production ceiling decided by the Saudi Government "many years ago," he said. Sheikh Yamani said the exceptional circumstances ended at the end of March and there was no need at the moment for an increase in production "since Iran has succeeded in raising its production to about four million barrels a day."

Calcutta power crisis begins to improve

CALCUTTA, April 12 (R) — Electricity supplies in West Bengal improved yesterday as large factories in the state capital, Calcutta, suspended production for a week. The crisis was caused by breakdowns in two power stations and as a result domestic consumers, hospitals and railways have been given priority over heavy industry. Shops have been ordered to close by seven every evening and suburban railway services have been disrupted.

ILO to examine ills of air traffic controllers

GENEVA, April 12 (R) — The International Labour Organisation (ILO) announced yesterday it would hold a meeting at its headquarters in Geneva next month to look at the problems of air traffic controllers. These range from chronic staff shortages, pay, pensions, health, stress and legal responsibility if anything goes wrong, the ILO said. Experts on these problems would submit a report to the ILO's governing body after the meeting. The ILO said the report would be a basis for future action by the organisation. Strikes and go-slows in several countries since 1973 had caused hundreds of flights to be cancelled or delayed, the ILO reported.

OPEC denies using 'two-tier price system'

VIENNA, April 12 (R) — The headquarters of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) yesterday denied reports that it had decided not to apply last month's 14.5 per cent oil price rise to developing countries. "We do not have a two-tier prices system," OPEC spokesman Haafid Zahrani said. He said the question of charging poorer countries only the basic price for oil had not been discussed at a meeting of OPEC ministers in Geneva last month which fixed the latest price hike. "We do not have such a policy," he said.

Giscard d'Estaing: Greece will strengthen EEC

PARIS, April 12 (R) — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing will attend the signing of the agreement for Greece's entry into the European Common Market in Athens in late May, presidential spokesman Pierre Hunt said yesterday. The president, who has backed Greek efforts to become the tenth member of the European Community, expressed his satisfaction at a cabinet meeting at the successful conclusion of negotiations. "The president said that Greece's entry into the Community, owing to the incomparable contribution of Hellenic civilisation to Europe's culture, will strengthen the continent's cultural influence as well as the democratic ideal which inspires it," Mr. Hunt said. Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet reported to the cabinet on the final negotiations in Brussels between the Nine and the Greek Government. Greece is due to join the EEC on Jan. 1, 1981.

negotiations, and to initial and authenticate the various agreements. Final approval and signature is tentatively scheduled for later this year, probably in October.

Key partners in the bargaining were the world's three major trading powers — the United States, Japan and the nine-nation European Economic Community (EEC).

Referring to an EEC demand that it be allowed to impose selective import restrictions against individual states whose goods disrupt home markets, Dr. Tomic said: "we were faced with unacceptable discrimination."

Present GATT rules stipulate that import curbs must apply to all suppliers. Third World nations oppose selective restrictions because they fear they will be the main targets.

Dr. Tomic criticised another accord revising the rules of GATT to give preferential treatment to developing countries as poor, imprecise and open to many ambiguous interpretations.

"Additional benefits for the trade of the developing countries can hardly be identified," he said.

A code to open up government purchasing to foreign suppliers was worded in such a way that a number of developing states would be unable to accede to it, he added.

NATO to set up special group to study nuclear arms control

BRUSSELS, April 12 (R) — NATO has decided to set up a special group to study the arms control aspects of nuclear systems, NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns said yesterday.

The group, established at the initiative of West Germany, will make preliminary studies

on the next stage of the U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation talks, diplomatic sources said. This will cover the so-called "Grey area" of short and medium-range nuclear missiles deployed in Europe.

"The establishment of this group, in parallel with the nuclear planning high-level group on the modernisation of nuclear forces, underlines the alliance's dual strategy—the maintenance of deterrence and the pursuit of detente," Dr. Luns' statement said.

The Nuclear Planning Group, consisting of eight countries studies the full range of strategic and tactical use of nuclear weapons.

The question of modernisation includes possible new medium-range missiles to counter the threat of the Soviet SS-20 missiles which could despatch cities.

West Germany has expressed readiness to accept on its territory any new U.S. weapon capable of hitting the Soviet Union—such as the Pershing II or an entirely new medium-range missile—but only on condition that it would not be the only European country to do so.

West Germany, aware that it would be the most likely battlefield in any East-West conflict in Europe, would prefer arms control measures to an acceleration of the arms race.

MOSCOW — Publicly, the Russians are confident that nuclear power is safe. The accident at the power plant at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has been blamed by Soviet commentators on the evils of capitalism rather than any inherent dangers in the system.

The Russians are convinced nuclear power will provide the answer to mankind's long-term energy needs, and about 15 stations are now operating or close to completion, mainly in the populated European section of the country. The power is used for everything from driving ships to diverting rivers and distilling fresh water.

The Kremlin has given priority to more and bigger stations.

The official attitude is reflected in glowing accounts of the potential of atomic energy in the official press, which has virtually ignored the growing anti-nuclear movement in the West.

According to television commentator Anatoly Ovsyannikov, the Harrisburg accident occurred because the American "energy monopolies" pay too much attention



ROME — Architect Paolo Portoghesi has carried out the project of a mosque which will be built in Rome's "Monte Acetone" quarter. Mr. Portoghesi says that after some bureaucratic difficulties his project was approved. (Gamma photo)

USSR cancels 2 cosmonauts' planned link-up with Salyut-6

MOSCOW, April 12 (R) — The Soviet Union announced today that a planned docking between a manned spaceship and the orbiting Salyut-6 space laboratory had been cancelled after the failure of direction control rockets.

The announcement was issued through the official Tass News Agency and Moscow Radio several hours after the ship—the Soyuz-33 with a Russian and a Bulgarian on board—had been due to carry out the delicate operation.

Yesterday, in a break with the usual Soviet secrecy about space mission plans, Tass reported that the link-up with Salyut, where two other Soviet cosmonauts were waiting for their colleagues, would be cancelled.

Today's failure was preceded by a run of successes for Soviet space research over the past year and appeared unlikely to represent

Baikonur Cosmodrome had been hailed in Moscow and Sofia as a new major triumph of Soviet science and a demonstration of cooperation between the communist countries.

Tass said today the Soyuz, created by Russian civilian engineer Nikolai Rukavishnikov and Bulgarian Air Force Major Georgi Ivanov, began to approach the Salyut at 1854 GMT last night.

"But in the process of approach there arose deviations from the regular mode of operations of the approach-correction power unit of the Soyuz-33 and the link-up with the Salyut-6 was cancelled," the official agency added.

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Amin's rule has led to economic collapse

Uganda's fall from boom to bust

NAIROBI, April 12 (R) — Under the rule of President Idi Amin, Uganda's once-thriving economy has crumbled. Internal prices have soared, and the free market rate for Uganda's currency is now about ten Ugandan shillings for one Kenyan shilling. It was once at par.

As the biggest coffee producer in the Commonwealth, with a big export trade in cotton, tea and copper, Uganda had no less difficulty in finding foreign exchange to pay for its imports before President Amin seized power in a military coup in 1971.

Today Uganda's foreign exchange reserves are virtually exhausted. Imports of goods of all kinds are drastically restricted because there is no cash to pay for them.

Most foreign suppliers will no longer give credit to Uganda and insist on cash in advance before shipping goods to Uganda. Britain's Export Credit Guarantee Department no longer provides guarantees for British goods supplied to Uganda.

Late last year the United States Government imposed an embargo on trade with Uganda in protest against human rights violations under President Amin's rule. Because of its large purchase of Ugandan coffee, the United States had for many years been Uganda's biggest customer.

Uganda's coffee production has fallen only slightly, because its trees continue to produce crops year after year, but many farmers do not bother to pick all the coffee, because the official price paid to them in Ugandan shillings does not meet costs.

Cotton production slumped from more than 400,000 bales in 1972 to less than 100,000 bales in each of the last two seasons. Tea has fallen from 23,400 tonnes in 1972 to about 15,000 tonnes, and sugar from 141,000 tonnes in 1971 to 12,000 tonnes

The main reason for the fall in production of cash crops has been the reluctance of Ugandan farmers to grow them. They say they do not get paid for the crops they deliver to the state marketing board.

But they are also hampered by a lack of basic supplies, including hand hoes and other implements, insecticides and fertilisers. All are in short supply and when available are sold at very high prices.

Farmers find it more profitable to grow food that can be sold, again at high prices, to other Ugandans.

One of the biggest blows to the Ugandan economy was President Amin's expulsion of Asians in 1972. More than 40,000 Asians, including some of the country's best business brains, were ordered out over a three-month period.

The industries, professional businesses and properties which they owned were "allocated" to Ugandan Africans, many of whom had no business experience. The result was that most of the businesses collapsed or were reduced to a small fraction of their former activity.

Uganda's once-thriving cotton textile industry is now working at less than a third of its former capacity.

Prices in Uganda soared because of shortages of all kinds. Most shops in Kampala have closed, their stocks exhausted in the final week in which the capital was effectively besieged by the invading forces.

Because of the shortage of foreign exchange, a thriving smuggling trade has developed between Uganda and Kenya. Ugandan goods, ranging from bananas to coffee and cotton, are smuggled across the border and sold in Kenya — the money then used to buy goods unobtainable in Uganda, and these goods are smuggled into Uganda.

With no anti-nuclear lobby to worry about, the Soviet Union is rapidly developing atomic power for electricity and a variety of other peaceful uses.

The Soviet press, which does not report on individual blasts, has said nuclear explosions have been used for earth-moving, canal digging, the construction of underground oil and gas reservoirs and for mining and excavation.

Prominent Soviet physicists have said publicly and privately that they believe the public in the West is being unnecessarily frightened about the dangers of nuclear power.

Decisions are taken centrally in the Soviet Union and the organisation of Soviet society precludes public debate on issues such as nuclear power or supersonic transport.

The official media have been careful not to depict anti-nuclear protests in the West as linked to mass unease or left-wing organisations.

Nevertheless some Western experts believe the Kremlin has had to contend with a groundswell of anxiety from ordinary Russians.

Officials at the Novovoronezh power station, a multi-reactor power station, in south Russia turning out about 2.4 million kilowatts, told visiting reporters in 1977 that local people alarmed at the news that their area had been chosen as a nuclear site.

Carter seeks emergency aid of \$100m. for Turkey

WASHINGTON, April 12 (R) — President Carter yesterday asked Congress to provide \$100 million in emergency aid to help Turkey cope with internal economic problems.

Mr. Carter said he would ask Congress for \$150 million in economic and military aid as part of a special fund for Turkey agreed to by the United States, France, Britain and West Germany at the January summit in Guadeloupe.

West Germany promised to take the lead in organising the fund, the president noted at a news conference.

The draft legislation sent to Congress requests \$100 million for immediate economic assistance. The other \$50 million, which the president is expected to request very soon, would be in the form of major non-combat industrial nations, to Turkey.

Turkey in recent months has been in the process of negotiating a loan from the IMF. The IMF declined to comment on reports that the negotiations were in trouble because Turkey was refusing to disclose details of the measures it had promised in return for the loan.

The \$150 million economic and military aid would be in addition to \$225 million in military credits.

Zambia reports 100 refugees killed in Rhodesian air raid

LUSAKA, Zambia, April 12 (AP) — One hundred refugees were killed and 200 injured in an attack by Rhodesian jet aircraft on a refugee camp at Solwezi, a Zambian Government spokesman today. The spokesman gave no further details on last night's raid and condemned what he called wanton attacks on innocent and helpless people.

The Rhodesian military command confirmed that warplanes had flown 500 kilometers into Zambia to attack a camp of guerrilla bases, but did not say whether there were casualties. The military denied Zambian reports that the planes hit at refugees in a no-man's land.

The raid was the third officially acknowledged cross-border this week, and the sixth Zambian target hit this month. The raid came in the face of threats by Zambian-based guerrilla leader Ian Nkomo and Mozambique-based Robert Mugabe to sabotage week's parliamentary elections inside Rhodesia.

The latest strike was the deepest reported into Zambia since military command ordered cross-border raids against guerrilla bases in Angola, Mozambique and Zambia in August 1976.

Rhodesia's combined operations headquarters reported: attacks have been carried out on a large complex of ZANLA guerrilla camps 100 kilometers west of Solwezi in Zambia. Close to terrorist camps is the Meheba refugee camp which was not attacked.

The attack, believed to have been launched overnight by British-built jet aircraft, came as Rhodesia mobilised some 50,000 reserve and regular security forces against the guerrillas three weeks before elections.

The guerrillas, fighting a six-year war for total control of the territory, have vowed to step up their operations and troops and government by a black prime minister and a black majority.

Carter sets up commission to probe nuclear accident

WASHINGTON, April 12 (R) — President Carter yesterday set up an 11-member commission to investigate the nuclear accident at the Three Mile Island power plant in Pennsylvania and said it was essential Americans should never again face such dangers.

The commission, chaired by mathematician John Kemeny, includes the governor of Arizona, a professor of nuclear engineering, the president of the Steelworkers Union and a housewife from Middletown, near the atomic plant.

The order setting up the commission said it would assess events of the accident, analyse the role of the company operating the plant and the emergency preparedness of the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other authorities.

It would also determine steps should be taken during nuclear emergencies to provide public with accurate and timely information.

gauge their exposure to radiation. Western visitors are frequently taken right up to Soviet reactors without special precautions.

The Russians have had problems in one area of technology — the problem of waste disposal.

Soviet practice has been to radioactive waste in cement and asphalt blocks underground.

But the growth of fast-breeder reactors, which generate plutonium fuel, has presented problems that have yet to be solved. Soviet publications said:

In addition to its own fast-breeder reactors, which generate plutonium fuel, the Soviet Union is operating a fast European reactor.

In the 1950s, Soviet plants gave nuclear power lower energy output than their Western counterparts because of the cost of fuel and the inefficiency of oil, gas and coal.

But policy was changed radically in the 1960s when the Kremlin realised the advantages of fast reactors.

Despite the Soviet emphasis on safeguards, some Western experts say they fall well below world standards.